









## CHAPTER XVII.

**COUNCIL OF WAR.**  
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"Well, you'll have no difficulty on Monday, anyhow," she said, with a good-humoured nod. "It is no more than that, the Cassowary (we call it so because of her jewellory (we don't say her the Cassowary for she is a statey head) I could walk off with in ten days myself without the slightest trouble, if it weren't for my character. But, of course, my character ain't to be trifled with that way. It's a great deal better, for form's sake, there should be a nice little burglary, and everything could be done in the correct style—window cracked, door locked inside, tools left lying about in a heap on the dressing-room floor, all the open evidences of a forcible entry. That's the sort of thing that takes with the public. No suspicion thrown upon anybody inside. A regular, downright, desperate cut-throat burglary, as you call it."

"But, for example," said the man, "I'm sure he's the death of my profession. When I go to the court I shall go there in a hamper. Students credit to you that I have a hamper at all. You must do it at such a price sacrifice of all your finer feelings." And Mr. Roper sighed severely.

"Oh, it's not that they're so silly," Miss Pomeroy answered, raising her eyebrows and smiling at the thought of assuming the magnificent powdered wig of the "Honorable." "It's that the bother of it. I feel the absurdity of the situation keenly—the grand way they talk of the firm they give themselves."

but he didn't mind joining you in a glass of cham before I go home to the Casowary's back hair and butler's compliments."

**CHAPTER XVIII.**  
**DISINHERITED!**

On Tuesday night, all was bustle and confusion at Hurst Croft. The wing, where Sabine had her rooms, altogether deserted, and the strength of the company was concentrated on the opposite side of the house, where the Old Affability was nervously about in Mrs. Venables' apartments.

Old Affability was evidently a case. Even his latest toy, the Ambassador, of which he was inordinately proud, having just completed a tirely new installation, seemed to afford but little comfort to

"He's a hardly swell," her father  
 repeated once more, after waiting  
 vainly nearly ninety seconds for  
 any spontaneous expression of Sabine's  
 critical opinion.  
 "Spare me," Mary he is as children  
 Sabine answered icily, inspecting

Sabine bent over her, half speechless with remorse, her eyes all blinded, by her voice choking. "Yes, dearest," she answered, with a terrible wave of conscience almost drowning her speech. "You may trust him to me. I'll wait over him and take care of him. I never move from his side. I'll give my very life for him."

As she spoke she pressed Woodbine's hand hard in hers. Woodbine felt the solemn earnestness of that pressure and smiled once more. It was a long smile, that died away faintly as the doctor's words came back to him. The doctor took her wrist from Sabine's grasp between his finger and thumb. Sabine gazed across at him, thus, for the first time, with a steady gaze, her heart thumping at his words. "The doctor nodded. "I'll be over," he said slowly, in a very low voice. "She's gone, poor lady."

**A MESSAGE FROM ASSASSIN**  
The following has been found written upon the tombstone of the late John Barlow, ex-governor of Philadelphia, by the assassin, John B. McLaughlin, the Prime Minister, Stamboulow:—"Pardon! We must strike Stamboulow. We will not let him live. He may cease to live for the conspirators; there are too many of them. (Signed), The Assassins."

**A PHILADELPHIA SCANDAL**  
The convicted prisoner, John Barlow, ex-governor of Philadelphia, has made a statement charging several prominent persons, including J. W. Wanamaker, the Postmaster-general, with improper conduct in connection with the Keystone Bank. The Postmaster indignantly denies those accusations, and denounces his accuser.

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**A MESSAGE FROM ASSAULT**  
The following has been found upon the tombstone of the late Beltschew, who was assassinated by mistake for the Prime Minister Stamboulou:—"Pardon! I am sorry to strike Stamboulou. We will see him next time. He may come for the conspirators; there are many of them. (Signed), The Assassins."

**A PHILADELPHIA SNAKE**  
The convicted prisoner, J. J. Kelly, ex-treasurer of Philadelphia, made a statement charging prominent persons, including Wm. A. Rorer, the Postmaster General, with improper conduct in connection with the Keystone Bank. Mr. Kelly indignantly denies the charges, and denounces his accusers.

**WEDDING.**  
There were some curious customs

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upon the tombstone of the late Minister Leischow, who was assassinated in mistake for the Prime Minister, Stamboulou:—"Pardon! We want to strike Stamboulou. We will not let him next time. He may cease to loiter for the conspirators; there are too many of them." (Signed), *The Assassins.*

**A PHILADELPHIA SCANDAL**  
The convicted postmaster in Haverley, treasurer of Philadelphia, has made a statement charging several prominent persons, including J. W. Wauamaker, the Postmaster-general, with improper conduct in connection with the Keystone Bank. The Postmaster indignantly denies these accusations, and denounces his accuser.

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## OUR OMNIBUS.

## PIPER PAN.

It is pleasant to find English artists engaged by the managers of foreign opera companies, and I am glad to announce that Mr. Alec March, a young English baritone, who recently undertook the role of the tenor in a very short notice, and thus prevented a change of opera at Covent Garden, has been engaged by Mr. Sheriff Harris for his next Royal Italian Opera season.

A little bird has whispered to me that the next series of Promenade Concerts at Covent Garden will be under the sole management of Mr. Sheriff Harris. I am glad to be able to say that Mr. Freeman Thomas is gradually regaining health and strength, but he will have henceforth to refrain from undertakings involving severe exertion of mind and body. The work he performed during his nine years' management of the Covent Garden Promenade Concerts might have proved too fatiguing for a giant.

Mr. Alfred Gilbert has invited me to witness the first performance, at his residence, on Monday next, of a new opera, entitled "The Lying Eve." It is an accomplished musician who has written both the music and the libretto of this opera.

The Philharmonic Society has steadily advanced in prosperity during the last ten years, and the obliging hon. sec., Mr. Francesco Berger, informs me that no call will be made on the guarantors of the season, which, as in all respects successful. To the best of my recollection, no call has been made on the guarantors during the last six years. Under bad management, during the fifteen or sixteen years ending in 1876, a reserve fund of £5,000 was reduced to £100.

The directors elected for the next Philharmonic season are Messrs. Francesco Berger (hon. sec.), W. H. Cummings, Charles Gardner, Otto Goldschmidt, Franklin Taylor, John Thomas, and C. E. Stephens (hon. treasurer). By the excellent rules of the Philharmonic Society three directors must retire every year.

Mr. Horace Sedger informs me that he has taken the Vaudeville Theatre for three months from the beginning of September, and has engaged Miss Minnie Palmer as one of his leading attractions. I suppose she will bring some new songs from America. He also tells me that the new opera, written for him by Mr. W. S. Gilbert and composed by Mr. Alfred Cellier, is almost completed, and the first act ready for rehearsal. When "L'Enfant Prodigue" ceases to draw large audiences it will be followed by the Gilbert-Cellier opera.

At the Lyric Theatre, an opera entitled "The Lying Eve" will be produced when "La Cigale" ceases to draw large audiences, which does not appear likely to happen soon. The 30th performance of this lively opera will take place on August 2nd, and I should not be surprised were it to run beyond Christmas.

Miss Damiani has returned from Italy, where she has had great success in opera. Her fine contralto voice will be heard in the quartet of Beethoven's choral symphony, No. 9, which will be one of the attractions at the ninth (and last) Richter Concert of the current season. I am glad to know that Mr. Verel's judicious introduction of an increased number of vocal pieces at these concerts has been rewarded by increased success.

Amongst the attractions provided by MM. Verel and Richter for Monday next will be found Mr. C. V. Stanford's ballad, for chorus and orchestra, "The Battle of the Baltic." Should any of my readers be unacquainted with this spirited and altogether excellent work, I recommend them not to lose this opportunity of hearing it performed by the Richter orchestra and chorus.

Mr. George Fox's new opera, "Nydia," will be produced at the Crystal Palace Theatre on the 26th inst. Mr. Ludwig and Madame Hansermeister will represent two of the principal characters.

OLLA PODRIDA.—The German Reed Company have begun their customary summer holiday.—The pupils of the London Organ School and College of Music (a tolerably lengthy title) will give a recital next Wednesday evening.—The bands of the 1st Prussian Dragon Guards, the Prussian "Zieten" Hussars, and the 10th Royal Saxony Infantry will play every afternoon and evening next week at the German Exhibition.—The Chester Triennial Musical Festival will commence next Wednesday morning with Mendelssohn's "St. Paul."—The Operatic class of the Royal Academy of Music will perform next Monday at 7.0 p.m.—The next orchestra concert of the R.A. Mus. Students will take place at St. James's Hall, Twickenham, on July 23rd.—The great pianist, Brahms, has resigned his post as director of the St. Petersburg Conservatoire of Music.

## BUCKLAND, JUNIOR.

A correspondent writes from Weybridge, Surrey: "Your readers are always, I know, interested in the sagacity of animals, and I, therefore, send you an account of an adventure of my fox terrier. 'Grit' is only eight months' old and is a quite perfect creature in this locality. About a fortnight ago I took him on the Thames with another dog, and our party rowed up to Chertsey Bridge. Here the two dogs went on shore on a water rat expedition. Shortly afterwards we rowed back to Shepperton. Lock was the puppy's name, and my readers will value him so much that I went back along the bank all the way to Chertsey, but he was nowhere to be found. Giving the search up we walked home, leaving word of our loss to the look-keeper, who promised to look out for him. We got home by about nine o'clock, and a little after ten we heard a whining at the front door. On opening it we found poor 'Grit' wet to the skin, but delighted to be among us again. From the position of my house, and the place he was lost, he must have swum across both the Thames and the Wey, finding his way home, although he had never been on that part of the Thames before."

No matter where we are employed or how few our opportunities for observation are, we all can study natural history to some extent. This is well exemplified by the following observations of "Gilbert White, junior," made in Marlborough, Wiltshire, by my readers. He asked me about white cockroaches, which are simply cockroaches that have lately cast their skin. My correspondent gives further information. About mid-day he found a curious pinky-white cockroach which seemed somewhat lethargic. It was of boiled shrimp colour, and its legs were bright and beetle-like. It was securely bottled and at about seven o'clock in the evening had changed to a dirty cream, while a darker colour had spread in a line downward from each eye. The next morning the entire head and shield had become black brown and the dark hue had commenced spreading over the upper surface of the abdomen. The wings, however, were a transparent gold colour, and the under surface of the insect light. The legs were dark. At seven in the evening my correspondent

observed again and found the colouring completed. The change thus seems to take about thirty-six hours.

London naturalists, indeed, have some decided advantages over their brethren in the country. The magnificent natural history museum at South Kensington is a new and valuable assistance to every naturalist. The series of British birds in their natural haunts, of course, no new recommendation. Entomologists are similarly provided for by the Walsingham collection. Beginners in every branch should consult the specimens in the record of the hall where the structure of different animals are shown. The recently added Hume collection of Asiatic heads and horns of deer, sheep, antelope, roe, and wild cattle is interesting to the sportsman as well as the man of science. The museum is undoubtedly far-and-away the best in the world; it is not a mere collection of specimens but a series of years in which the specimens are the illustrations.

The recent pigeon race from Richmond Castle (Yorkshire) to Waltham Abbey, in Essex, was an interesting event. Thirty-nine birds were liberated, and the winner, a grey, a velocity of 1,294 yards per minute, giving a rate of speed for such a distance. The next bird, which belonged to the same owner, attained a speed of 1,290 yards. Only two birds did not reach their homes on the same day. The bird winning this race did not, however, gain the silver cup of victory which was won by the best average velocity in this and two previous long-distance contests, and was won by the owner of the third pigeon.

Mr. S. Sterne says that about twelve years ago a pair of tortoises were turned loose in his garden, and the result was that the same pair were introduced, disappeared for six months, and died shortly after its re-appearance. The other day the gardener, when at work, came across a very small one. I do not think it could be a descendant of the other, but the last time it died four years ago, half a year ago. Allowing six months for the hatching of an egg which it might have laid, this little tortoise would be at least four years old. It would probably, therefore, be larger than it apparently is were it descended from the other tortoise. I expect that it has strayed in from some other garden.

What an incorrigible miscreant the wild cat of London is. The other day, I intercepted one in the act of entering a room where a wretched little sparrow was. The bird was a founding fallen from its nest on whom he had had compassion. He was about to enter the room, but I had to remove the sparrow to a safer position. But that cat or another had her revenge. In my garden I have a small shallow pond which serves both as bird-bath and fish-tank. There are four goldfish and two small carp therein. The cat actually pulled one of the goldfish out of the water and ate it. I have since chased her away from the pond only just before. I have baffled her now by putting a piece of wire-netting over the water.

With regard to my note concerning advertisements, etc., on wild animals, "The British Lion," in his opinion, abhors them. He would make good advertisements. He says that sailors often catch them, tie the ship's name, position, and the date round the leg or neck, and then release them. The "booby" of Ascension would also be useful, for it can be so easily caught, and you could paste your name on its back. "The British Lion" mentions that he remembers two salmon being caught on the N.E. coast of Scotland which had broad rubber rings on their tails bearing the Duke of Athol's crest and a date.

## THE ACTOR.

The new American Copyright Law is likely to have a considerable effect upon the literary quality of our English plays. Hitherto, certain of our dramatists have refused to publish their works, because, by so doing, they rendered it easy for the American pirates to produce them without the payment of fees. The advent of an English play by the Yankee managers will still not be able to perform it without the consent of the author. The immediate result of this has been the announcement that both Mr. Pinero and Mr. H. A. Jones will publish a series of their works.

How far will they compare with their predecessors in print? I do not, myself, ask of a play that it shall be literary. I ask of it only that it shall be dramatic. And it cannot be truly dramatic, unless the dialogue be true to life, within the necessary limits of stage requirements. Still, English plays that play about to be printed, because the authors are thus enabled, if necessary, to appeal from the playwriting to the reading public, by whom the verdict of the former may be reversed.

One evening this week a singular enterprise was undertaken. A room, and east of it, in a London theatre, a play, he had founded upon Browning's "In a Balcony." Now, Browning himself fondly thought that "In a Balcony" was itself a play, and I wonder what he would say, if he were alive, to the audience who had dared to "adapt" his drama to the stage? However, he might be mollified by being reminded that, in the eighteenth century, Shakespeare himself was "adapted" to the boards for which he had deliberately designed his works.

The production of a play in which Molière is the leading character, reminds me that there appears to be a growing tendency to take historical personages for the heroes or heroines of drama. Quite lately in America they have made Beau Brummell (not for the first time) the central figure of a comedy, and, still more recently, the young English actor brought out at a London theatre a play, "In a Balcony," now, Browning himself fondly thought that "In a Balcony" was itself a play, and I wonder what he would say, if he were alive, to the audience who had dared to "adapt" his drama to the stage? However, he might be mollified by being reminded that, in the eighteenth century, Shakespeare himself was "adapted" to the boards for which he had deliberately designed his works.

That reminds me that we are to have more history on the stage in the case of "The Royal Divorce," a play by Mr. W. G. Wills, in which Miss Grace Hawthorne has been "starring" in the provinces, and in which she proposes to appear in London shortly. She is to impersonate the Empress Josephine, and her husband, Napoleon, will also figure in the cast. Now, if Mr. Augustus Harris would have he would make an admirable Napoleon, but who else could reconcile us to the great little warrior on the boards? However, perhaps Miss Hawthorne has secured the very man for the rôle.

I hope Miss Minnie Palmer's season at the Vaudeville will be a success, but I doubt whether there is now much vitality (so far as London is concerned) in either "My Sweetheart" or "My Brother's Sister." So long as these variety pieces "pay," Miss Palmer is justified in producing them. Another lady of her artistic reputation, I am glad to note that she is going to make her appearance in comic opera. In that she will have every scope for the exhibition of her powers as singer and

dancer, as well as actress, while, at the same time, those powers will be seen in a suitable "setting."

The piece in which she will appear is "L'Oncle Celestin," a farcical success, performance of which have recently been attended by Miss Palmer with a view to picking up the original "business" of the heroine's part. Mr. Sedger tells me that he intends surrounding Miss Palmer with thoroughly competent artists, so that a good ensemble may be secured. Possibly, if the piece is a "go" in the country, it may be brought up to London by and by, and then we shall be able to judge of it, and of Miss Palmer's performance for ourselves.

The chief artistic feature of "The Prince and the Pauper," when it was produced at the Gaiety, under Mrs. Berenger's auspices, was the admirable acting of Mr. W. H. Vernon as the king. If Mr. Sedger, who is going to produce "L'Oncle Celestin" at the Gaiety, of Mark Twain's story, can secure Mr. Vernon for the King in that adaptation, he will, I think, do a judicious thing. Miss Beattie Hutton will play both the Prince and the Pauper, which is a better arrangement than that adopted at the Gaiety, where the rôles were divided between Miss Berenger and Master Field Fisher, to the detriment of the intelligibility of the plot.

## OLD IZAAK.

London anglers have rarely had a more enjoyable sport than that afforded by the competition held last week in the Central Association fishery at Fulbourn. I am pleased to report that all passed off in the happiest manner possible, and the preservation fund will certainly benefit, thanks to the admirable arrangements made by Mr. Wade, the committee by whom he was surrounded.

Of 193 anglers entering the lists, 55 weighed in, and "Old Isak" was to congratulate Mr. J. W. Biggs, secretary of the Fulbourn, on having carried off the first prize (the blue ribbon of the day) with a weight of 150. Mr. W. Simpkins, of the Anchor and Hope, came second with 110. Mr. W. Stretch, of the Islington Brothers, third, with 110. In each case good fish, and in excellent condition. Mr. Farmer, of the Blackfriars, was well to the front, and a fine roach of 110. Another of 110. Mr. W. Simpkins, of the Anchor and Hope, came second with 110. Mr. W. Stretch, of the Islington Brothers, third, with 110. In each case good fish, and in excellent condition. Mr. Farmer, of the Blackfriars, was well to the front, and a fine roach of 110. Another of 110. Mr. W. Simpkins, of the Anchor and Hope, came second with 110. Mr. W. Stretch, of the Islington Brothers, third, with 110. In each case good fish, and in excellent condition. 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when those friends trust me sufficient  
authenticate their communication with  
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whatever may be their intrinsic  
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according to my invariable rule  
reserve, most kindly writes to  
seen numerous inquiries in your columns  
an easy method of teaching them,  
the English language.

**EXPLOSION OF DYNAMITE**  
The Britannic Steamship Company's  
G. E. Booth, from Hamburg, had  
seriously damaged by the explosion of  
supposed to contain dynamite car-  
Two men who were unloading the  
killed, and their bodies injured the  
tification was serious. Several  
persons were seriously wounded. It  
was done, and it is un-  
now whether the vessel can be kept  
No explosives are mentioned in the  
manifest. No cause for the explosion is  
beyond the shock caused by handling  
while unloading. The two men killed  
the only men in the hold when the ex-  
stock place. They were unware the  
explosives they were handling contained  
nite, and, consequently, were exercis-  
special care in moving them and at-  
them to the hold. The package which  
their death had not yet left the hold  
exploded, the concussion it is  
causing the explosion of a dynamite  
The vessel takes away the damaged  
above. The captain and officers  
ignorance of the presence of any dy-  
the hold. The captain estimates the  
sustained by the vessel at 50,000 dollars.

**LIVES COMPROMISED.**—By King's Decision and Court  
Pills without mercy, save a potent remedy  
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At the Monmouth Assizes, William  
27. Labourer, was sentenced to  
28. a hard labour for procuring  
29. a woman to have an illegitimate  
30. child for an unlawful purpose on the  
31. 15th of February last. The prisoner  
32. represented herself to be a single  
33. woman, and upon the evidence  
34. presented the girl lived with his  
35. mother at Cardiff, where she was  
36. disrespected by her friends.

**IMPORTANT INTIMIDATION CASE**  
The case of Curran v. Treleven came on before the Court of Queen's Bench before the Lord Chief Justice and Justices Mathew, Crompton, Smith, and Charles. It was an appeal against the decision of Mr. Bompas, Q.C., recorder of Plymouth affirming the decision of justices convicting Curran and others of intimidation. Mr. Treleven, a shipowner.—Mr. Treleven employed a large number of men in unloading ships at Plymouth, and Curran and others went to him and said that if he did not discontinue employing non-unionists

presented them. Two brothers named M. and J. a man named Biggs, were alleged police to have taken a prominent part in disturbances, and this evidence being affirmed by members of the Salvation army called by the police, the chief constable appealed to the magistrates to send the prisoners for trial. In the result one of the brothers, Moorson was bound over to keep the peace against the other man being charged. On Monday night Miss Edith Ward and other Salvationists were arrested in default of paying fines, and conveyed to Lewes prison to serve sentences of three months imprisonment. Sympathisers cheered them.

lately sober, and no one calls in contact with me. Then the railway police inspectors came to the constable Osborn that has the man who reported him some years ago. In consequence of that, and that alone, I was cited and disgracefully hustled out of the station. I called a witness, some Englishmen who witnessed the outrage to help me, but I was nevertheless taken off on a charge of drunkenness. Mr. De Betzen: That charge against you was certainly not proved, and therefore you were discharged.

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**A SHROPSHIRE ROMANCE.**  
Through a death which has occurred in the neighbourhood of Ellesmere, Shropshire, the members of a family named Vaughan, will, it is said, become entitled to a share in a large fortune under peculiar circumstances. It seems that some years ago a retired clergyman, the Rev. Humphrey Dymock, who resided on his own estate of Penley Hall, near Ellesmere, died. In his will he bequeathed the whole of his property, consisting of real estate in various parts of England, to his widow, but under the stipulation that, in the event of her death, the property would, as soon as her death, revert to the family of the deceased gentleman. The widow, hearing that the family of a shoemaker in Ellesmere had been left orphans, drove over in her carriage to their humble dwelling, and, after seeing the children, determined to adopt the youngest—a boy. This happened about a dozen years ago, and the child, now a young man, has the honor about to be thrust upon him, and would not be pacified until the benevolent lady undertook also to adopt his sister. This was done, and the affection of the lady for the adopted children ripened until she appeared to devote the whole of her life to the making of a proper provision for their future maintenance. A month ago it was proved that the shoemaker's son had forfeited her esteem, the bulk of her fortune being considerably over £100,000, being left to his wife. Unfortunately he did not live to enjoy the munificence of his kind foster-parent, for he died on the 11th inst. He was still a minor at the time of his death, and his mother stated, that the surviving brothers and sisters, who are in a comparatively humble position in life, will each become entitled to an expectedly to a considerable fortune. One of his sisters resides in Crewe, and the others in various parts of the district.

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## THE THEATRES.

**GRAND.**  
The initial performance of Italian opera at this theatre attracted a very fair audience on Monday last, and those who had the pleasure of witnessing Verdi's favourite opera, "Il Trovatore," were no doubt highly delighted with the performance. The vocalists were in some parts of the theatre was not larger than to be regretted, for, if we except the recognised operatic stage, Verdi's opera has seldom been presented under such favourable circumstances as it was upon this occasion. The opera was excellently mounted, and the orchestra, comprising over thirty members, did full justice to the score under the direction of Signor Randegger. Madame Tavarly, in the rôle of Leonora, displayed considerable ability. Not only does she possess a melodious voice, but has an artistic style of singing. This latter capability was most marked, perhaps, in the scene outside the palace, and must have been apparent to many to whom Italian was unknown. The vigorous method in which Signor Perrotti modelled his Mariccio was regarded with high favour by the audience, his fine, clear voice being heard to full advantage throughout the performance. Admirable in all respects was the Count de Luna of Signor Durichio, and Signor de Vachetti was vocally perfect as Ferrando. Madame Guercia was the Asucena, and her acting and vocalism led to excellent results. Madame Florenza was the Ines, Signor Zingaro the Raimondo, and Signor Bieleto Un Zingaro the Raimondo. Other operas performed throughout the week have been "Carmen," "Lucia," "Traviata," &c., and an equally select programme will be presented next week.

**ROYAL STANDARD.**  
Visitors to Mr. Richard Wake's popular hall this week have had an opportunity of pronouncing an opinion on the efficacy of the sliding rod, and, as the audience have been as well as the management have good reasons for the atmospheric advantages they claim for their hall. And as the ventilation is perfect so also is the entertainment, for it is of a bright and exhilarating nature. Some interest attaches to the engagement of Mr. Arthur Lloyd, who has very much to produce his comic musical sketch, "Her First Appearance." In this Mr. Lloyd's daughter, Miss A. King-Lloyd, makes her first appearance on the stage, and her rendering of the part of Mary MacNab is in every respect worthy of favourable comparison with the interpretation of the same part by the late Mrs. Lloyd (Miss Kitty King). Mr. Lloyd resumes his former character of the stage door keeper and is as droll as ever, receiving excellent support from Mr. D. Lloyd. The Manchesterites unite with the Londoners in rendering a "Sweet song of love," followed by a well-executed sketch, "The Fyrie," and dances, but devote most of his time to singing Irish ditties of the type usually affected by Hibernian comedians; and the Brothers Marx introduce a novelty in the shape of a "statue act" in which they perform marvellous feats of strength. Miss Nelly Brown's voice is admirably adapted for the catchy music popular in the music hall, and the floral tributes she has to dispose of bring her considerable popularity. Miss Flo Bilton sings of the advantages to be gained by looking ahead; and among other items of entertainment will be found a musical and pantomimic act by the Sisters Chester, Professor Matthews and his performing dogs and goats, and an amusing pantomimic sketch, entitled, "The Gentleman Scamp," enacted by the Le Fro Trio; while the musical selections played throughout the performance leave nothing to be desired.

The London season has almost reached low water mark, leaving most playing folk prospectively "Stranded"—in quite another than a theatrical sense—in the margin of summer seas, where, as health and pleasure seekers, they will for a holiday time at least, willingly forego the town illusions of art in their enjoyment of the sea and the sun. It is, therefore, in the eternal fitness of things that the dramatic chronicler should have least to say to his readers at the very time they are least disposed to listen to him. Whatever in the nature of news can be scraped together during this season of drought, stage production may be told in half a dozen sentences. From Australia comes the message that Sara Bernhardt's success among those of our countrymen and women who live farthest off from us is simply unprecedented in its triumph. The same success has been achieved in the case of the success of the English play of "The Idler," written by the most able dramatist Greater Britain has yet sent to the mother-country, Mr. Haddon Chambers. In connection with this gentleman's plays it is noteworthy that his fellow-countrymen do not have at any price the author's first popular success in England, "Captain Swift," presumably because the chief character, being a bushranger, touched too nearly to be personally pleasant to the anti-poets, upon the ticklish question of the ancestry of some of them. From another British possession, the North-West Dominion of Canada, comes the news of the death of the wire—the death of Alfred Byron, son of the dramatist, H. J. Byron. The young fellow, who was engaged as a trooper in the mounted police, was found dead in his room, but whether by his own hand or that of an assassin is not known. The statements to which the current was given in a previous issue of the People, that Mr. H. A. Jones was to become a manager is now confirmed. The enterprising dramatist will, in October, open a West-end theatre, which, though not named, may, simply as a shrewd guess, be the Shaftesbury, where he has already had a fair success in his newest play, acted by a company of his own selection, directed by himself as stage-manager. Mr. Jones has evidently taken to heart and put in practice the motto of Danton, "L'audace, l'audace, toujours l'audace!"—At the national fete of the Republic in Paris on Tuesday, the most curious spectacle was the ballet performed on the Seine. A row of barges, linked together and decked, constituted the space for both auditorium and stage, upon which, under a canvas canopy embellished with silken hangings, and illumined by a myriad Venetian lamps, the spectators who came to witness the delivery of seventy-five ladies of the ballet. With reference to the cast of "Henry VIII." at the Lyceum, Mr. Irving has added in the person of the young actor, Mr. Acton Bird, a new member to his company. Stage aspirants should take note that the merit of the recruit lies in his eloquent gift by the delivery of a brilliant verse, Mr. Leonard Outram's production at the Avenue on Tuesday, for one night only, of his two-act tragedy bearing the ominous title of "A Mighty Error," is not of sufficient popular interest for more than a brief passing reference. Founded upon Browning's "In a Balcony," the gloomy piece reaches the hundredth time that its origin, production, poetic quality, however high, cannot compensate for weakness of plot and action. Neither does the presentation at the Vaudeville on Wednesday evening of a one-act play entitled "The Sequel," written by Mr. L. N. Parker, call for prolonged comment, depending as the story does upon an

incident too morbid to be natural, and consequently outside the limits of human sympathy and interest. A sensitive young wife, desirous of her husband's health, finds her affinity in a young aristocrat, to whom she retires to a lonely tropical island, which is visited at the end of a year by an old chum of the gentleman, from whom the admission is extorted by the new comer that, despite his love for his dozing inamorata, he would rather die than continue to suffer the monotony of his present existence alone with her. This avowed, overheard by the lady while playing eavesdropper in conventional stage fashion, causes her to poison herself and then, in order to give her lover the freedom for which he yearns. It seems a pity that after the long and regrettable absence of Miss Anna Murray from the stage, this culture actress should not light upon a more sympathetic piece than one in which she plays, no doubt with much intelligence and accomplishment, a character whose self-sacrificial crown is supposed to be more worthily won by dying for her lover than by living for him. The psychology of such a story is unwelcome, leading to an extravagant result, a merely indicative of a cracked brain than a broken heart—two things, by the way, which, though too often confounded of late by a petty sort of depressing playwrights, are, thank Heaven, thoroughly differentiated by the sound and wholesome sense of the playwright, and the smart American, as the lady's "protector," and Mr. Charles Fawcett, as his yachting friend, with Mr. H. Nelson and Miss Alice Bruce, otherwise supplied a cast too good for the work interpreted by them.

"Miss Decima" is the title chosen for the new comic opera in rehearsal at the Criterion. Arrangements have been made by Mr. David Christie Murray has turned stage player. After acting lately in Australia in his own pieces, he proposes to repeat the experiment in London. Mr. Bronson Howard's comedy "Cousin Kate" is to be tried before a London audience at a Strand matinee, with Miss Atherton in the rôle of a simpering girl. Simultaneously with the announcement of the publication of Mr. H. A. Jones's plays comes the statement of Mr. P. Pinero to adopt a similar course with regard to his own dramas. The revision of the latter's works has been entrusted by their author to Mr. Malcolm Salomons, and arrangements have been made by the proprietors and managers of the outlying theatres for the production of the following pieces next week. At the Britannia will be played "The Crimes of Paris," Sadler's Wells, "The Dawn of Hope," Surrey, Paul Kaurer, "Mary, Queen of Scots," St. James's, "The Sign of the Cross," and the Strand, "Men of Metal," and Elephant and Castle, "Noble Love."

**SAMPSON'S NEW PERFORMANCE.**  
There was a special display on Wednesday afternoon in the theatre of the Royal Aquarium by Sampson, whose singular feats of strength created great interest in London about two years ago. He has now returned with an entirely new programme. In order to show the strength of his lungs, he buckled on a heavy strap and a device which burst it by the inflation of his lungs. Chains were snapped across his right arm with ease, and coins broken in half by the pressure of his fingers. With his left arm he raised a bar weighing 100lb., and he lifted a dumb-bell weighing 200lb., with his right arm from the floor high above his head. Then mounting a chair, he bent backwards and picked up the 200lb. dumb-bell, and raised it and himself to an upright position, though his arms visibly trembled with the strain. There were four men on the stage at the time who endeavoured, though in vain, to lift this dumb-bell. A bar weighing 300lb. was raised with ease. He broke a loose chain by a blow from his right fist, and, finally, carried a monster dumb-bell, weighing 1,022lb., across the stage, and placed it on a small iron carriage. He has challenged his old rival, Sandow, to enter into competition with him in this special test of strength.

**THE ROUMANIAN ROMANCE.**  
There was a preface to the royal romance in Rumania, writes a Vienna correspondent, even more piquant than the details which have recently transpired. Some time ago it was suggested that Prince Ferdinand of Hohenzollern, the Rumanian heir-apparent, should marry the daughter of a Rumanian prince, his equal in rank. The question of endowment stood in the way. The prince's father has but a modest fortune, and Prince Leopold of Hohenzollern seemed to think that his son's marriage portion should be provided by the King of Rumania, and not by himself. Meanwhile the Queen of Rumania had been advised by the Duke of Nassau to look for a spouse for Prince Ferdinand amongst the princesses related to the Russian Imperial family. The lady whom his highness appears to have had in view is not yet of an age to be disposed of in marriage, and Prince Ferdinand was already attached to Mdlle. Vaccaresco, either was not inclined to wait or did not approve of the choice. Not even the prospect of its being favoured by the Czar could in any way influence him. It was thought probable that the Czar would attend the wedding in Bucharest, and that eventually Prince Ferdinand of Coburg would be got rid of, and the throne of Bulgaria united, under the Czar's auspices, with that of Rumania. The disinclination of Prince Ferdinand for this alliance was very probably encouraged by the king, who, for reasons which do not require pointing out, was not anxious to create fresh links between his court and that of St. Petersburg. It was presumably after this scheme collapsed that the Queen made the cause of Mdlle. Vaccaresco her own. The report that the recognition of Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria under no consideration of the Rumanian government is not a new feature in the situation likely to promote its discussion; in fact, the whole romance is nothing more than a full-fledged canard.

**ALLEGED FRAUDS AT COLCHESTER.**  
The alleged frauds on the Commissariat Department at Colchester were further investigated on Thursday, when Staff-sergeant Allfree, Army Service Corps, was tried by a district court-martial, charged with having falsely entered in his former account books £500 of income as having been received from the contractor. After hearing evidence, however, the accused was acquitted.

The captain of the steamship Pickhumb, which has arrived at Montreal from Antwerp, reports that on the 4th inst. his vessel passed the burning wreck of the ship Octavia, outward bound from South Shields, with a cargo of coal. No sign of life on board was discernible, the crew having evidently taken to the boats.

**TOM LATER'S** Grand Double Event—Liverpool Cup and T. LATER'S Cup, to be played on Sunday, July 20, at 11.30. Tickets 1s. 6d. and 2s. 6d. (T. LATER'S Cup, Greenwood, Barker Hill, London).

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## FIRE IN THE EAST-END.

A fire broke out late on Wednesday night at 10, Derbyshire-street, Bethnal Green-road, E., upon the premises of Messrs. R. Child, cabinet-makers. The firemen were called by a person, who saw flames bursting out from a large building of three floors, 35ft. long by 30ft. wide, and used as workshops. When the first engine arrived the lower part of the premises was well alight. Half a dozen engines were soon on the spot. The fire was making rapid progress among the inflammable material to hand, when a hydrant was got to work, and for a time it seemed certain that the entire cabinet-making factories would be destroyed. The entire premises were, however, more or less seriously damaged by fire, heat, smoke, and water.

## PROPOSED METROPOLITAN IMPROVEMENTS.

**WIDENING THE STRAND.**  
The Improvements Committee of the London County Council have prepared a report of metropolitan improvements which it is proposed to make, at an estimated cost of over £2,000,000 sterling. The chief suggestion is that of widening the Strand, the committee recommending the demolition of the island or block of buildings belonging to Holywell-street and the Strand, and dealing with the enclosed spaces. The estimated net cost would be £201,500, and they propose that the owners of the property on the north side of Holywell-street, and on the south side, should be required to contribute, by way of an improvement rate, a sum which shall not exceed one-half of the increased annual value of their property. Application will therefore be made to Parliament for powers to remove the block of buildings on the south side of Holywell-street, and to devote the enclosed spaces, together with the public conveniences adjoining the churches of St. Mary-le-Strand and St. Clement Danes. Between Holborn and the Strand, the committee recommend the formation of a new street, 50ft. wide from Holborn, and 100ft. wide from the Strand, running straight in a southerly direction, passing between Freemasons' Tavern and the Strand, and the Strand Electric Lighting Station, intersecting Great Windmill-street, and Stanhope-street, to the point where Drury-lane is intersected by White Hart-street and Black Horse-street, and then curving to the Strand, taking in the east corner of Catherine-street. The object of bending the street in this direction is to provide an easy gradient. 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The fifth annual flower show in connection with the Haverstock Mission Sunday-school

Flower Society took place on Saturday in St. Mission Hall, Grafton-terrace, North St. Pancras. Prizes were given by Lord Leighton, Mr. H. L. W. Lawson, M.P., Mr. Henry Harben, Mr. R. P. Mon, and others, and the exhibits, as in previous years, consisted of the products of window gardening, and were confined to the members of the Sunday school, the work of which is in connection with the London City Mission. Early in the spring a number of halfpenny packets of seeds and slips of plants were sold to the children. These they took home

and culminated, and the result, as seen at the show, was pronounced by the judges, Mr. Herbert Cutbush, of Hingham, and Mr. Coombor, of the Royal Botanic Gardens, to be very good indeed. The total number of exhibits was 372, about forty more than last year's show. The three special prizes were awarded to Albert Keighly, Lizzie Halford, and Miss Kinnaird. The prizes were distributed by Miss Gardiner in the presence of a large number of ladies and gentlemen.

**SUICIDE OF A YOUNG LADY A**  
**HAMPTON WICK**  
On the 11th an inquest was held at Hamp Wick on the body of Etheline Ella Dell, age 25, an artist, which was found in the River Thames on the 9th. The evidence showed that deceased had been depressed since her father's death a short time ago. She was engaged to be married, but had promised her father on his death-bed never to leave her sister. The coroner had pointed out that the prospect of separation from her sister

**SHOCKING AFFAIR AT BENTLEY**  
An inquest has been held at Bentley, Hants, respecting the death of a newly-born female child, which was found exposed in a hedge near the village, and subsequently died from exhaustion. The circumstances were of a very painful nature. According to

vidence, a girl named Annie Raggett, who had lately returned to her father's home from domestic service, had been informed of a female child in a field in the neighborhood of the house, lying at hand, the infant, although alive, having been left exposed to the weather. The baby was found by the girl father, Thomas Raggett, and Dr. Kay was called in for reasons for prosecuting the search, and taken by the former to his home. Although circulation was restored by a doctor, who did everything in his power to save the child's life, and worked with res-

save the infant until seven o'clock, upon  
worthy energy until seven o'clock, upon  
return at nine o'clock he found life exting-  
the result of exposure and bruises upon  
body. The infant had thus only lived a  
hours. The mother had returned to her  
father's house about one o'clock, not be-  
well enough to attend the inquest.—The  
found that the child came by its death of  
exhaustion and fracture of the skull,  
accordance with the medical testimony,  
how the injuries were caused there was  
evidence to show.

**SALE OF THE LATE MR. CAVENDISH'S PICTURES.**  
On Saturday Messrs. Christie, Manson, Woods sold at their rooms a number of pictures, the property of the late Mr. Cavendish, M.P., some of which realised prices as follows:—Portrait of a horse jockey, by G. Stables, 1775, 300*s.* (Ascribed to Sir John Glynne); Portrait of Miss Fanny Kemble, painted by Miss Siddons, painted in 1773 by Sir John Reynolds, P.R.A., 2,640*s.* (Ascribed to Sir John Reynolds); Wildcress, by Sir John Reynolds, 1,000*s.*

John and his nephew, James  
Murrillo, 510g. (Reichter); "A Bird Catch  
by Fyto, 400g. (Agnew); "a lands  
with cattle, and a figure, by Cuype,  
(Donaldson); "a richly-wooded landscape,  
figures, by Eusebio, and N. Berce  
signed and dated 1852, 1,500g. (M. Colna  
Deposition from the Cross," by T  
Tiepolo, 150g. (for the National Gall  
"The Saviour Disputing with the Docto  
the Temple," by Paris Bordone, 4  
(Reichter); "The Piazza of St. Mark  
(anselotti, 300g. (Reichter); "Virgin

The census returns show the population of England and Wales to be 29,001,018, an increase since 1881 of 3,028,572.

Mr. Willie Edouin has decided to publish "The Ducal Palace and Surroundings," the same author, 600gs. (Lessor). "Voyage Across the Grand Canal," 300gs. (Lessor). (Colnaghi). The day's sale realised £419,300.

at a matinee Mr. Bronson Howard's "Cousin Kate." The cast will be exceptionally strong one, including Messrs. Smith, Royce Carlton, J. W. Pickett, Roe, and Willie Edouine, Miss May Miss Ruth Rutland, and Miss Alice Adams as Cousin Kate, an American Girl.

Mr. F. C. Burnand's adaptation of Audran and Boucher's operatic comedy "Miss Helyott," will be produced at Criterion Theatre on Thursday, the first under the title of "Miss Devereux."

The play was by Mrs. David James, M. P.

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**SCENE IN THE LAW COURTS.**  
There was a scene in a divisional court of

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## "THE PEOPLE" MIXTURE.

There were 2,453 births and 1,333 deaths in the metropolis last week.

There were last week nine cases of suicide in London.

The Metropolitan coroners last week held sixty inquests.

The Thames supplied London with 96,594,616 gallons of water daily during June.

There was one death from small-pox, that of an infant, in the metropolis last week.

Fifty deaths in the metropolis last week were attributed to accidents or negligence.

The Earl of Dudley is to be married to the only daughter of Mr. Charles Gurney.

The resignation is announced of Mr. Lane Vice-president of the Union Pacific Railway.

During last month we Londoners consumed, on an average, 190,514,651 gallons of water daily.

The population of India is believed to have increased in ten years from 235,000,000 to 285,000,000.

Don't whistle until you're out of the wood. And even then, if you forget to, no one will get cross about it.

Germany has added 2,265,000 to her population in five years, from 1,000,000 in the same period, and Russia 10,000,000.

The failure of recruits to come forward for the regular fortnightly and militia actually left £171,000 on the War Secretary's hands.

The number of Russians landed last year in New York was 49,119, of Austrians and Hungarians 53,445, and of Italians 52,243.

Alexander Campbell Mackie, an Edinburgh gambler who had been drinking heavily, ended his life by cutting his throat with a razor.

William Wilson Johnston, an Edinburgh man, was found dead at the bottom of the stair leading to his house. He was heard to fall when going up the stairs.

The returns for the year of the Primitive Methodist show an increase of 363 members, 51 ministers, 83 local preachers, 22 chapels, 51 Sunday-schools, and 4,045 scholars.

Attention has been drawn in a contemporary to a queer misprint, it having been announced that a doctor felt his patient's "pulse." Really, there is nothing very queer about that.

According to a Glasgow contemporary, a sandwich-man is parading Argyle-street, with a board depicting two infants in a perambulator, accompanied by the words, "Immense variety, 200 to select from."

Mr. John Lobb has consented to stand in conjunction with the Rev. Mr. Kiteon and Mr. Francis Howe, as candidates for the Unionist party in the London School Board division of St. Pancras at the forthcoming election in November.

An inhabitant of St. John's Hill, Sevenoaks, named Thomas Shirley, attained the age of 102 years a few days ago. Notwithstanding his great age, he is up to a fortnight since, regularly took short walks. He is now confined to his bed. Shirley's eldest son is just 60 years of age.

"Plays without words" are in future to be licensed by Lord Chamberlain, that dignitary deputing reader to witness a special rehearsal of each piece. It is to be hoped that the reader will not attach any importance to the language of the stage-manager between the acts.

The wheat-growing area of the United States is decreasing in proportion to population. In the decade from 1870 to 1880 the wheat area of the world increased 22,000,000 acres, of which the United States contributed 10,000,000. In the decade from 1880 to 1890 the wheat area of the world increased only 8,000,000 acres, of which the United States contributed not an acre.

A gas explosion has occurred at No. 1, Ransham-road, in the Balham, the result of a small gas being detected, and an explosion followed. Nearly all the windows of the house were blown out, and the furniture greatly damaged. The fire brigade were on the spot, and succeeded in preventing the fire from spreading.

Two hand boys of the North Staffordshire Railway, aged respectively 13 and 14, were playing with a Martini-Henry rifle, when one of them, named George Richardson, levelled the weapon, which was loaded with buckshot, and fired at his comrade, a lad named Blackclough, who was struck in the temple and died instantly. Richardson has been arrested. His parents say they thought that the weapon was loaded with blank cartridge.

Notwithstanding all the efforts which have been made to stem the tide of retirement in the Volunteers, no fewer than 495 officers retired during the first eight months of the official year. Of these twenty-three were lieutenant-colonels, forty-nine majors, 204 captains, and 222 subalterns. The additions to the force were slightly below this number, the new appointments numbering 492.

Early on Wednesday morning flames were observed issuing from the shop of Mr. C. A. Watts, 4, Hosiery-lane, City. An alarm was at once raised, but by the time the brigade arrived the fire was making alarming progress. When, however, two hydrants were brought into operation, the flames began to show signs of extinction. In the result, the shop and contents of ten rooms suffered considerably from fire, heat, smoke, and water.

The private residence of the Hon. and Very Rev. G. Herbert (owned by Lady Grenville), No. 38, Gloucester-place, Portman-square, was attracted the attention of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade between three and four o'clock the other morning. The cause of the alarm is attributed to a "candle," and the damage, as officially reported, was fortunately confined to "Front room on second floor and contents damaged, to which it owes its escape from house of eighteen rooms and contents slightly by smoke."

Here is a new story of Sir John Macdonald—Lord Dufferin delivered an address before the Greek class of the McGill University about which a reporter wrote, "His lordship spoke to the class in the purest ancient Greek, without mispronouncing a word or making the slightest grammatical error." "Good heavens!" remarked Sir Hector Langver to Sir John, "how did the reporter know that?" "I told him," was the answer. "But you don't know Greek?" "True," but I know a little about politics."

A new, or at least hitherto unnoticed, disease is attacking the oyster-beds of the Thames estuary. It consists in the shells becoming so rotten that they will not bear the pressure necessary to open them. The oysters themselves are not directly affected by it, but their round shells are completely tunnelled in all directions and covered with mud, while the flat valves which are clean remain uninjured—facts which point to the ravages being caused by some enemy working from below.

The discovery of phosphatic chalk near Tadworth, due to the Victoria University, Manchester, for the best essay on an economic question, has been awarded to Miss Victoria Jones, of 10, Mayfield-road, Whalley Range, Manchester, for an essay on "The Industrial and Commercial Effects, Actual and Prospective, of English Factory Act Legislation." This is the first of the Cobden Club University prizes that has been awarded to a lady. The Cobden Silver Medal offered to Yale College, United States, for proficiency in political economy, has been awarded to Mr.

Nathan Glickman, of Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin.

There are not necessarily four sides to a square question.

It is the thicket-of-leaves man that stands upon the order of his going.

Silence is golden—especially if your front teeth do not exactly fit.

The King of Annam, who is blessed with 379 wives, might be described as an Annapurna sovereign.

About 50,000 flowers were exhibited at the floral fête which was held at the Crystal Palace in aid of the Gardeners' Orphan Fund.

The Queen has appointed Miss Mary Florence Hughes to be one of her Majesty's maids of honour in ordinary, in the room of the Hon. Marie Adéas, resigned.

The presence of several bands of brigands is reported from Epirus. An Athens correspondent says that the Turkish gendarmes, who have received no pay for a long time past, show no particular eagerness to capture them.

A letter from Samos states that Chief Justice Cederström has done no judicial duty for the last six months. Discontent with the Supreme Court is alleged to be general, and it is reported that complaints will be sent to England.

Official notice is given that the State-appointments of Windsor Castle will be open to the public on and after Monday, the 3rd of August, on every week day, Wednesdays excepted, under the usual regulations, until further orders.

Lord Hartington has written to the Liberal Unionist leaders in Belfast expressing the hope that they may see their way to support the candidature in East Belfast of Mr. James Henderson, the local Conservative Association candidate.

It is stated that a deputation from various Chambers of Commerce will shortly wait on the President of the Board of Trade with a view to securing his influence in favour of the proposed bill to remove the copyright on the British printing and other allied trades from the American Copyright Act.

The Prince of Wales has approved of the appointment of the Nizam of Hyderabad, the Maharajah of Jaypore, and the Maharajah of Cooh Behar, as Vice Presidents of the International Congress of Hygiene and Demography to be held in London on the 10th of August.

Henry Quelch, at the Thames Police Court, was charged with inciting workmen out on strike to commit assaults by tendering to them at their meeting the advice that if they did attack blacklegs they were not to go to prison without leaving their marks. The prisoner was remanded, and admitted to bail.

The Lords of the Privy Council have given judgment on the petition for authority to create a new teaching university in London, with power to confer degrees under the name of Albert University. The petition was granted, subject to various modifications, including the admission of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons and other bodies to representation on the governing council.

Alderman Barkas, of Newcastle, and Fellow of the Geographical Society, has died at the age of 71 years. Deceased, who was one of the earliest temperance reformers in the North of England, was well known in the scientific world, having lectured and written a great deal upon astronomy, geology, and cognate subjects. He was an ardent spiritualist.

The harvest prospects on a large proportion of the continent are reported on in the Berlin Imperial Gazette, and the reports are of a reassuring character after the great fall of a reaping machine some time since. It now appears that recent favourable weather has repaired much of the supposed damage to the crops, which are not now expected on the whole to be much, if anything, below the average.

Joseph W. Lane, dairy farmer, was charged at the Highgate Police Court with selling milk containing ten per cent. of added water. He pleaded guilty, while defending the case on his merits, obtained the dismissal of the summons on the technical ground that the name of an assistant who had conveyed the sample to the representative of the public analyst was not mentioned in the certificate of that official.

The Orange celebrations took place on Monday at a grand number of centres throughout the U.K. A huge procession left Belfast for Ballymena, five miles distant, where a meeting was held, presided over by Dr. Kane, Grand Master of the Orangemen of Belfast. A riot occurred at Keady, county Armagh, as an Orange procession was passing through the town. Shots were fired, and one man was wounded, but not seriously.

At Durham Assize Margaret Robinson, aged 39, was indicted for the wilful murder of her child, at Crook, in April last. The evidence showed that since the birth of the child the prisoner had been more or less of an unsteady mind. On April 12th, when alone in the house, she tied the child to the bed, where it was subsequently found dead. The jury concluded that the prisoner was insane, and she was ordered to be detained during her Majesty's pleasure.

The receipts on account of revenue from the 1st of April, when there was a balance of £4,970,897, to the 11th inst., were £23,613,711, against £24,076,542 in the corresponding period of the preceding financial year, which began with a balance of £23,290,361. The net expenditure was £27,950,541 against £27,060,162 to the same date in 1890. The Treasury balances on the 11th inst. amounted to £209,903, and at the same date in 1890 to £1,509,625.

The man Fleisher, who recently swam twelve miles in an attempt with Professor Dalton, to swim from Dover to Ramsgate, succeeded on Monday in swimming from Dover to Sandgate, a distance of ten miles, in two hours and a half. He was accompanied by a party of ten gentlemen, and started with a favourable tide and calm sea, from the Admiralty Pier at Dover at nine o'clock.

The tide took him at 10.45, and arrived at Sandgate at 11.30. The tide took him a mile to sea, but he swam to the shore and landed unaided.

George Reynolds, cab proprietor, was summoned to the Marlborough-street Police Court for sending out for hire a cab which was not in proper condition. Mr. Reynolds observed that the issue of the summons was a step in the right direction, though in his twenty-five years' experience as a magistrate he had never heard of such a prosecution. Many of the London cabs were a disgrace to their owners, and a passenger might as well ride in the open air as in some of them. The defendant, who said he had substituted a new cab for the old one, was fined 40s. and costs.

Sir Charles Dilke, addressing a mass meeting of miners at Canook Chase, urged the justice of an eight hours day in mines, and ridiculed the idea that, if obtained by legal means, the adoption of that principle would weaken trades unions. Second only to this, he urged the importance of that relating to the housing of the people. It was almost impossible to get sites for dwellings save at prohibitive prices, and reform was needed in that direction. Resolutions in support of the Eight Hours Bill for Mines, and of the increased representation of miners in Parliament, were carried unanimously.

The triennial prize of £20, offered by the Cobden Club to the Victoria University, Manchester, for the best essay on an economic question, has been awarded to Miss Victoria Jones, of 10, Mayfield-road, Whalley Range, Manchester, for an essay on "The Industrial and Commercial Effects, Actual and Prospective, of English Factory Act Legislation." This is the first of the Cobden Club University prizes that has been awarded to a lady. The Cobden Silver Medal offered to Yale College, United States, for proficiency in political economy, has been awarded to Mr.

Nathan Glickman, of Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin.

There are not necessarily four sides to a square question.

It is the thicket-of-leaves man that stands upon the order of his going.

Silence is golden—especially if your front teeth do not exactly fit.

The King of Annam, who is blessed with 379 wives, might be described as an Annapurna sovereign.

Strange, isn't it, that while a coquette is still young there is most securely in her declining years?

A scientist who went out one day recently to discover the colour of the wind says that he found it blew.

Capital and labour might get on well together if there were not so many men trying to get capital without labour.

According to a ladies' journal, blouses are in great demand for the purpose of the public, and the purpose, by the way, are the ladies themselves.

According to latest reports, the surveyors from Chili did not lower the temperature on their arrival in New York, as some of the writs had anticipated.

Something new in signs. "Umbrella Pictographs" is the strange device which has been painted over the door of a shop in Hamilton-street, Greenwich.

Mr. Richard Mansfield is credited with the statement that "some day the actor will be about the critic's post."

Cool dealers in New York are putting up prices already. It is their delicate way of reminding the public that in hot weather one should prepare for cold.

There is a goat in West Chester, U.S.A., which is addicted to tobacco chewing. The local tobaccoists find that it is being demoralised into a first-class.

A large consignment of Georgia water-melons has been sent from Cincinnati to London. It is intended to make similar shipments regularly.

Short people may comfort themselves. A miracle-worker has arisen to make them tall. This genius advertises "invisible elevators," which are fitted to the boots at a cost of 5d. each pair.

The Swiss community in London are preparing to celebrate the six hundredth anniversary of the foundation of the Swiss Confederation, to be held on Tuesday next, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Richmond.

A copy of the celebrated picture of Geseo, in the Ghiseh Museum, stated by Egyptologists to be the most ancient specimen of painting yet discovered, is now on exhibition at South Kensington Museum.

The Brighton School Board has decided to recommend the council to add swimming baths, to the public baths, as that boys and girls can be instructed in the art of swimming in the evening hours of the week, as in several other towns.

The Defects Committee has the pictures of Tensler, which were lately stolen from the museum of Rennes, and which are valued at £5,000, have been discovered at the house of the thief, who was denounced by an Englishman to whom he had wished to sell them.

A serious disturbance is reported to have occurred on a sheep station in the Bonville district, New South Wales. A party of non-unionist shepherds, numbering 350, having arrived, they were coerced by the unionists, who induced 200 of them to leave work. The police were powerless, and made no arrests.

The Kildare grand jury have awarded £2800 as compensation to the owners of the house maliciously poisoned at Kilbridge, a veterinary surgeon, who resided with the trainer and with whom he had had some difference, was arrested, but he was taken ill and died in prison.

One of the finest examples of Cistercian ruins in the country, Kirkstall Abbey, is being put in a state of repair at the hands of the Leeds Corporation. Mr. Micklethwaite, F.R.S.A., is superintending the work. The Abbey was recently presented to the Corporation at the cost of £10,000, by Colonel North. It is now thrown open free to the public.

At a meeting of the Margate Town Council it was reported that the death-rate for the borough during the quarter ending the 30th of June was 8.68 per 1,000. Excluding the deaths at the Royal Sea Bathing and Metropolitan Infirmary, the death-rate only amounted to 7.98 per 1,000 during the quarter. There has been no death through any zymotic disease.

A fatal gun accident has occurred at Rosellia, Queen's County, by which a girl named Poole, 18 years old, daughter of the local postmaster, lost her life. Her brother, who is home from school on vacation, took up a gun to inspect it, and while handling the weapon it exploded, the contents being discharged into the unfortunate girl's head in a few minutes.

As the club train was slowly steaming into the Paris terminus of the Great Northern of France Railway on Sunday night, it ran into the express from Lille, which was standing on the line. The effects of the collision were serious for the latter train, but no one in the former was injured. Of the passengers in the Lille express several were injured, and one of them died the next morning.

The jubilee of Mr. Pusch is celebrated this week by a special "Jubilee" number with two double-page cartoons, one by Mr. Linley Sambourne and the other by Mr. Tenniel. Mr. Sambourne's cartoon represents the present chief contributors to Pusch sitting round the dinner-table drinking the health of their mutual friend. The number is, of course, full of "jubilee" allusions. It forms an interesting souvenir of an interesting occasion.

Mr. Baron Pollock, in charging the grand jury at Monmouth Assizes on Tuesday, said he was glad to note a steady decrease of habitual and professional crime, partly he hoped from education, partly certainly from better management on the part of the police, and partly from better prison discipline. Crime had steadily decreased all over England in a greater ratio than the population had increased. This enabled judges on circuit to pass much more lenient sentences than they were wont to do, and the sentences were more effective.

The members of the London Chamber of Commerce assembled to hear an address from Mr. Russell, who has been a merchant on the shores of the Red Sea for twelve years, upon British trade prospects in the Soudan. He advocated a federal form of government by the Soudanese, under the direction of a British Chartered Company. A resolution was adopted in favour of her Majesty's Government promoting measures calculated to effect the establishment of good government, and to put an end to the existing state of anarchy in the Soudan.

The French national fête was celebrated on Tuesday. The chief occurrence was a review on the Longchamps racetrack of about twenty thousand men of various branches of the military service. President Carnot, his ministers, and the diplomatic corps were in the president's box. There was an enormous concourse of people on the ground, with many of the soldiers were extremely popular. During the day a monument to Danton was unveiled in the presence of the president of the chamber, the representatives of the Minis-

trality, and several members of the revolutionary leader's family.

Wheat is now 11s. per quarter dearer than it was two years ago, when the price was 23s. 3d. per quarter.

The value of church property held by the Primitive Methodist denomination has been increased by £33,556 in the year, and the debt upon the property has been reduced by £26,018.

Influenza still hangs in the air, the deaths primarily ascribed to it in London last week numbering forty. This is the lowest number recorded in any week since the recent visitation of the plague.

Two Louis XVI. mahogany console tables, mounted with mahogany, brasses, and wreaths of chased ormolu, with marble tops, fetched respectively 1,450s. and 1,400s. at the Cavendish Rooms.

The Earl of Wemyss has given notice that he will call attention in the House of Lords on Monday next to the absence of Volunteer Artillery corps from the review before the German Emperor at Wimbledon.

The presentation to Princess Christian of the silver wedding gift subscribed for by her friends will be made at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday.

Great Britain is now one of the minor contributors to the population of the States. Last year English and Scottish emigrants formed only 8 per cent. of the immigrants landed at New York; in 1889 they contributed 12 per cent.

In eight countries of the Old World there is an addition of over 75,000,000 of population to be sustained by food got from the ground, without anything like a corresponding increase in the cultivable area, or in its productiveness.

There were 31 deaths from measles in London last week, 10 from scarlet fever, 21 from diphtheria, 51 from whooping cough, 3 from enteric fever, 4 from diarrhoea and dysentery, and 2 from cholera and choleraic diarrhoea.

The unveiling of the monument to Victor Noir, the young Republican journalist who in January 1890 was shot in Paris by Prince Pierre Bonaparte, was the occasion of an imposing manifestation the other afternoon at Pere Lachaise.

The gross value of the personal estate of the late Mr. Abraham Hodgson Phillips, of Canals, a Director of the London and County Banking Company, who died on the 31st May last, has been sworn at £21,692, and the net £12,758.

The thorough House will be the scene of a very pretty ceremony on the 25th inst., when the Princess of Wales, as President of the Fund, will present certificates to the second thousand names who have joined the Royal National Pension Fund for Nurses.

The celebration of the centenary of Mozart's death began on Wednesday at Salzburg, the Alpine town in which he was born. The house was handsomely decorated, and a requiem was performed in the cathedral.

A year ago a tank of chloride of lime burst at the paper mills of Messrs. Dickinson and Co., at Rickmansworth, and killed a quantity of fish in the river Colne. Proceedings were taken by Lord Ebury and the lessees of the fishery, and it was announced in the Court of the Lord Chief Justice that the case had been settled, the defendants having consented to pay a sum of money to restock the stream with fish.

While General Mace, in the company of some officers, was passing through the Avenue de St. Cloud, on his return from the review on the occasion of the national fête, a young man in the crowd stepped forward, and fired a revolver shot at the general. The man was arrested. It subsequently appeared, however, that the young man merely fired the pistol in jest, and had no intention of aiming at the general.

At the Manchester Assizes, a Russian actor named Rubimoff, brought an action for libel against Mark Melford, a theatrical manager. On announcing the end of the plaintiff's engagement, the defendant wrote on a poster, "The performance of the plaintiff was a very shocking one, either designedly or from incapacity. The jury found a verdict for the plaintiff, with £100 damages, the judge remarking, "Quite right."

The Manchester City Council, on the motion of the mayor, unanimously decided to invite the Royal Agricultural Society of England to hold their show for 1893 in Manchester.

Mr. Joseph de Trafford had placed Trafford Park at the disposal of the city for the purpose. The mayor said it was possible that, by that time, fat cattle might be brought to the park by the Ship Canal.

A meeting of French railway men was held in Paris on Wednesday, when it was resolved to order a general strike, the demands of the men being that they should be granted the right of association, and that the five great lines running into Paris. The movement at present is, however, confined to the workshops, the men engaged in the working of the railways showing no disposition to strike.

Mr. Hopwood, Q.C., Recorder of Liverpool, in charging the grand jury at the City Sessions, spoke on the theory and practice of punishment. Every magistrate, he said, should study how he might keep a man out of prison, though the effort would cost more trouble than to despatch him straight thither. Every one sent to prison unnecessarily, or for an unnecessary time, was a disgrace to the sender, a lasting injury to the man, and a permanent injury to the nation.

The Bishop of Manchester has replied as follows to a correspondent who wrote him with reference to the having been granted the bill which will confer a great boon on agricultural districts, but will create difficulty, and may produce injury in the large towns, because it is obvious that, stimulated by the Committee of the Council on Education, and may produce injury in the large towns, because it is obvious that, stimulated by the Committee of the Council on Education, they may make education so much more costly, that the grant of 2s. 6d. per head will not replace the school fees charged in those districts.—I am, yours faithfully, J. MANCHESTER.

Cardinal Manning, who entered upon his eighty-fourth year on Wednesday last, was, during the day, the recipient of many tokens of affection and esteem. The Cardinal, although weak in health, took outdoor exercise. At a specially convened meeting of the Irish members of Parliament at present in London, Sir Thomas Grafton Esmonde, M.P., whip of the party, was instructed to forward the following message to Cardinal Manning:—"I am requested by the members of the Irish Parliamentary Party to convey their heartfelt congratulations on this, the eighty-third anniversary of your birthday, and prayers for many happy returns."

Mr. Hester Corser, when hearing several cases of cruelty working horses at the North London Police Court, said he was sorry it was not in the power of a magistrate to order the destruction of such wretched animals. As it was, he had to go round about way to get an end put to their existence. When dealing with such cases he had to tell the owners of the fact would be considered when the case was decided. But he would require to have the destruction proved by a certificate from the slaughterer, otherwise he found that the poor animals were not rid of presumably by slaughter, but very often they were worked by other people.

A small supply of greenpans, the first of the season, has been received from abroad.

Green fire and French spoons are unusually cheap in the London markets.

William Reed, a new York painter, dislocated his jaw during a fit of coughing.

There are now 53 towns in England and Wales with more than 50,000 inhabitants.

James McDowell, an Edinburgh gardener, threw himself out of the third-story window of his home and died immediately afterwards.

The Sans Pareil is the largest and most powerful battleship taking part in the naval evolutions. She cost over £400,000.

American visitors will be glad to find that there are some submarines in the London market.

King George of Greece devotes himself to scientific experiments with bells and glasses, from which he obtains extraordinary results.

The Empress of Japan is a highly-skilled exponent on the koto, a sort of harp, the national instrument of her subjects.

The Emperor has presented Lord Salisbury with a magnificent Dresden clock, specially manufactured for the Premier.

The Archbishop of Canterbury (Dr. Benson), who was born near Birmingham, was 62 years of age this week.

The Queen of Italy, to say nothing of her skill as a pianist and singer, is a graceful performer on the mandolin.

Mrs. Frank Leslie, the prosperous American lady journalist, still owns and personally conducts seven periodicals.

The Registrar-general tells us that the census returns indicate that there are 900,000 more females than males in England and Wales.

Michael Farwell, a Glasgow youth, was found lying beside a pile of timber, having apparently fallen from the top of the pile while amusing himself. Life was extinct.

During her stay at Falmouth the Empress had her table decorated daily with the freshest and loveliest roses which the neighbouring districts could procure.

The Emperor has given a very large number of absolutely jewelled snuffboxes, cigar-cases, rings, and pins to those who have been in attendance upon him during his visit.

The cornflower is assigned to the German Emperor as his favourite flower, probably because of the preference shown for it by his grandfather.

On the moors of Lancashire and Yorkshire the grouse are doing well this season, and the grouse disease has not anywhere manifested itself.

Whereas the population of the United Kingdom grew at the rate of 107 per cent. between 1871 and 1881, the scale for 1891 last year was only 87 per cent.

Lady Diana Hadow has presented the moss of the Oxford circuit with a massive silver tankard, which bears the date 1877, as a memorial of the late Baron Hadow, who was for many years a leader of that circuit.

A marriage will take place early in October between Mr. Arthur Russell, of the Inner Temple, eldest son of Sir Charles Russell, Q.C., M.P., and Florence, only daughter of Dr. Crumey, of Belfast.

Mrs. Roberts, of Blantyre, has been found by her husband lying dead on the floor, in a room at the top of the house, whereupon he got a rifle and shot Warner dead.

Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone and Mr. and Mrs. Drummond have arrived at 10.10 a.m. on Thursday by special train for Lowestoft, where they will remain for about ten days.

Mr. Gladstone looked very well. There were a few persons, including Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Gladstone and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gladstone, to witness their departure.

The Lady Mayoresse distributed prizes at Aake's Hatcham School for Girls, in the new school building, formerly the New Cross School, which is controlled by the Hulsebury Company, and shows numerous successes in the examinations of the Science and Art Department, the Apothecaries' Company, and in the Cambridge Local Examinations.

The mayor of Nottingham has opened the collection of antiquities at the Nottingham Art Museum, discovered in 1885-86 during excavations undertaken by Lord Leverstoke, at Her Majesty's command, at the site of the Roman city of Loke Nemi. The extensive series of objects bears almost entirely upon the worship of Diana at Nemi, and proved moreover, that the offices of the temple were presided over for the most part by priestesses.

Many New York millionaires are adept performers on musical instruments. John D. Rockefeller is an enthusiast on the violin, and William W. Astor plays the piano and the organ. The Standard Oil magnate, Henry M. Flagler, prefers the organ. Frederick Vanderbilt finds charm in the banjo, and Colonel de Lancy Kane, one of the best amateur cornet players in the country.



**BATHING FATALITY.**  
A young collier, named Wheeler, one of a

large party of excursionists from Airdrie, was drowned whilst bathing in Etrick Bay, Bute, on Thursday afternoon.

**A LADY'S CLAIM FOR £20,000.**  
An application was made in the Court of Appeal consisting of Lords Justices Lindley, Fry, and Lopes, for security of costs of the appeal in the case of Cole v. Park and Park v. Cole, in which it will be remembered that Miss Margaret Josephine Smith claimed £20,000 against the estate of the late Mr. John Cornelius Stannard by reason of the refusal of the son of the testator to marry her. Mr. Justice Bomer in the court below dismissed the claim with costs, and notice of appeal was given. The defendants then made the present application.—Mr. Oswald, for Miss Smith, contended that the application had been made on insufficient evidence.—Lord Justice Lindley said the Court was of opinion the affidavit was not sufficiently strong, and that the motion should stand over for a week.

**THE TICINO REVOLT.**  
SENTENCE OF M. CASTIONI.  
The trial of M. Castioni on the charge of killing Stannard by reason of the refusal of the Ticino revolt was held at Zurich, the public sitting of the Criminal Court, when the Public Prosecutor maintained that the accused was guilty of murder. M. Castioni did not appear, and was condemned in contumacious to eight years' hard labour, to be deprived of his civil rights for a period of twelve years, and to pay costs of the present proceedings amounting to 3,665frs. The Government was unsuccessful in the application which it made some time back to the British judicial authorities for M. Castioni's extradition. Should he surrender to the Swiss authorities, fresh proceedings will be instituted against him.

**THE BREAD UNION.**  
TRIAL REMOVED TO THE QUEEN'S BENCH.  
In a divisional court of the Queen's Bench on Thursday, before Mr. Justice Denman and Mr. Justice Wills, Sir Charles Russell (with him Mr. Abrahamson) applied for a rule for the return of a writ of habeas corpus, which might be found against Hugh Gilmore, and others of the Central Criminal Court to the High Court of Justice, and he said that, as Mr. Witt, who appeared for the prosecution was present, he asked that the rule be made absolute at once. Some of these gentlemen were directors of the Debutante Company, a limited company, and there were charges that by collusion larger sums were paid to one and the other than they were entitled to. Mr. Witt offered no opposition, and a rule for a certiorari was made absolute.—Mr. Witt said he should at a later period ask that the trial be made expedient, and Sir Charles Russell said he had no objection.

**THE LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL AND MUSIC HALLS.**  
In a divisional court of the Queen's Bench on Thursday, before Mr. Justice Denman and Mr. Justice Wills, Mr. Horace Avory moved on behalf of the London County Council, for a rule nisi for a mandamus calling upon Mr. Hannay, a metropolitan police magistrate, to show cause why he should not grant a summons under the Metropolitan Management Act (1879). Counsel said that the application had been made for the purpose of obtaining a decision of the High Court on the construction of the Act, which gave the Metropolitan Board of Works power to make regulations respecting the construction and control of buildings used for music and dancing. The point at issue was whether the Act gave the Council power to refuse to license houses the council considered the proprietors did, while the magistrate held that it only referred to licensed houses, and refused to grant a summons.—A rule was granted.

**THE CHARGE AGAINST MR. A. G. BILLY THROWN OUT BY THE GRAND JURY.**  
At Guildford Assizes on Thursday, Mr. Justice Mathew, in charging the grand jury referred to the charge against Mr. Charles Alan Fyffe, the historian and Liberal candidate for the Norwich Division of Wicks. His statement of the case was so full of contradictions about the case was that the acts were improbable, seeing that a charge was made against a man of mature years. Everything must depend upon the trustworthiness of the prosecutor, and the cardinal consideration with reference to such cases was how far it was proved on the statement of the prosecutor himself that he was a disinterested party to what was done. The moment it was shown that the prosecutor in such a case was consenting or willing, or not resisting, he stood in the position of an accessory, and no tribunal would act upon his evidence unless corroborated. The story was not corroborated, and the prosecutor and the accused appeared to have started to get out of the train from Horsham to go to Crofton. The statement of the prosecutor was that in proper acts took place and were continued in spite of his protests until they both reached Redhill. The train stopped at Redhill, and the accused could not have left the carriage without complaint, but he did not mention that he got to Crofton. When taken into custody, the defendant gave a wrong name and address, and the prosecution said that that was corroboration. On the other hand it was contended that in the state of confusion in which a man would be thrown by such a charge, such a course was not improbable. The grand jury threw out the bill against Mr. Fyffe.







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